

The State of Victoria, located in the southeast of the Australian continent, had an estimated population of 4,765,900 as at 30 June 2000. Although it is the second most populous State or Territory in Australia, Victoria is ranked sixth in terms of geographic size and accounts for just under 3% of Australia's total area.

The capital city is Melbourne, with an estimated population of 3,413,894 as at 30 June 1999. Its maximum average temperature ranges from 14.3°C in Winter to 25.3°C in Summer; its minimum average temperature ranges from 7.1°C in Winter to 14.7°C in Summer. Its average annual rainfall is 641mm.

This brochure provides a statistical snapshot of Victoria; more detail can be found in the variety of products released by the ABS, including the *Victorian Year Book* (Cat. no 1301.2).

VICTORIA COMPARED WITH AUSTRALIA

		Victoria	Australia
Agriculture(a)			
Value of production, 30 June 1999	\$m	6 311.4	28 848.0
Average weekly ordinary time earnings—trend			
May 2000	\$	765.80	785.00
Building work done, 1999–2000(b)—original			
Value	\$m	10 426.5	38 116.8
Population			
Estimated resident population at 30 June 2000	'000	4 765.9	19 157.0
Annual growth rate, 1999–2000	%	1.2	1.2
Vital statistics, 1999			
Births	no.	58 875	250 715
Deaths	no.	31 918	129 265
Marriages	no.	27 252	114 316
Divorces	no.	12 742	52 566
Labour force, August 2000			
Employed persons	'000	2 267.2	9 048.4
Unemployed persons	'000	146.1	601.3
Unemployment rate	%	6.1	6.2
Manufacturing turnover, 1998–99	\$m	71 983.9	220 847.9
Registered motor vehicles, October 1999	'000	3 178.5	11 934.8
Retail turnover, 1999–2000—original	\$m	35 872.4	147 580.6
Tourist accommodation(c)			
Establishments, June quarter 2000	no.	705	3 805
Guest rooms, June quarter 2000	no.	31 384	192 830
Takings from accommodation, 1999–2000	\$m	774 068	4 318 036
Trade, 1999–2000			
Exports	\$m	19 033	97 275
Imports	\$m	33 717	110 132
(a) Excludes establishments with an estimated value of agricultural operations (EVAO) of less than \$5,000.			
(b) Excludes engineering construction.			
(c) Includes establishments (hotels, motels and guest houses with facilities and serviced apartments) with 15 or more rooms or units.			

AGRICULTURE

		1997-98	1998-99
Value of agricultural commodities produced			
Crops	\$m	2 450.9	2 556.7
Livestock slaughtering	\$m	1 554.1	1 684.5
Livestock products	\$m	2 128.2	2 070.2
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$m</i>	6 133.2	6 311.4
Agricultural production			
Wheat	'000 t	1 503	1 462
Meat (including chicken)	'000 t	849	871
Wool	'000 t	167	171
Livestock numbers			
Cattle			
Dairy	'000	1 836	1 945
Beef	'000	2 306	2 180
Sheep	'000	21 122	20 994
Pigs	'000	518	521

BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION

		1998-99	1999-2000
Dwelling unit approvals			
Private sector	no.	37 194	47 397
Public sector	no.	894	787
Other approvals	no.	1 616	1 614
<i>Total</i>	<i>no.</i>	39 704	49 798
Value of building work done			
Houses	\$m	3 366.2	4 448.3
Other residential buildings	\$m	948.0	1 337.0
Alterations and additions to dwellings	\$m	998.1	1 259.5
Non-residential building	\$m	3 571.1	3 381.7
Engineering construction	\$m	3 884.9	3 450.0

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) — Melbourne(a)

	1999-2000	Percentage change 1999-2000(b)
Food	128.7	2.9
Alcohol and tobacco	174.2	4.4
Clothing and footwear	107.1	-0.9
Housing	90.7	4.6
Household furnishings supplies and services	114.7	-0.3
Health	168.3	-3.4
Transport	127.9	5.9
Communication	97.6	-5.1
Recreation	122.5	0.7
Education	175.5	4.5
Miscellaneous	146.1	7.7
All groups	124.1	2.6

(a) Base year: 1989-90=100.0.

(b) Percentage change from previous financial year.

DEMOGRAPHY

		1999	2000p
Estimated resident population at 30 June			
Males	'000	2 328.1	2 358.9
Females	'000	2 379.5	2 407.0
Persons	'000	4 707.6	4 765.9
Melbourne Statistical Division	'000	3 413.9	n.y.a.
Number of persons by age group at 30 June			
Under 15 years	'000	948.1	947.2
15–24 years	'000	664.8	672.7
25–34 years	'000	731.8	738.3
35–44 years	'000	722.7	728.1
45–54 years	'000	622.1	636.7
55–64 years	'000	419.4	433.2
65–74 years	'000	334.9	334.6
75 years and over	'000	263.9	274.2
Population projections(a)		2011	2021
Victoria	'000	5 015.0	5 208.4
(a) Based on Series II as published in <i>Population Projections</i> (Cat. no. 3222.0).			

EDUCATION

		1998	1999
Number of schools			
Government schools	no.	1 644	1 631
Non-government schools	no.	685	688
<i>Total schools</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>2 329</i>	<i>2 319</i>
Number of enrolments			
Government schools	no.	521 413	524 849
Non-government schools	no.	265 987	269 705
<i>Total school enrolments</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>787 400</i>	<i>794 554</i>
Number of teaching staff			
Government schools	no.	33 762	35 156
Non-government schools	no.	17 631	18 203
<i>Total teaching staff</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>51 393</i>	<i>53 359</i>

GENERAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE

Operating statement, 1998-99		State	Local
Revenue	\$m	22 491	2 908
Expenses	\$m	18 998	3 023
Net operating balance	\$m	3 492	–115
Net lending(+)/borrowing(–)	\$m	3 072	–36
Cash flow statement, 1998-99			
Net increase(+)/decrease(–) in cash held	\$m	–214	—
Surplus(+)/deficit(–)	\$m	–216	–37
Balance sheet, 30 June 1999			
Total assets	\$m	58 427	23 671
Total liabilities	\$m	22 150	1 264
Net worth	\$m	36 278	22 407

HEALTH

Public hospitals(a)		1997–98	1998–99
Acute health expenditure	\$m	3 093	3 268
Available beds(b)	no.	12 337	11 638
Patient separations	no.	928 8000	970 200
Average length of stay	days	4.0	3.8
Major causes of death		1998	1999
Diseases of the circulatory system(c)	no.	13 429	12 206
Neoplasms (cancer)	no.	9 049	9 227
Diseases of the respiratory system	no.	3 054	2 338
<i>Total deaths</i>	no.	32 007	31 918

(a) Source: Department of Human Services, Victoria.

(b) Average for the year.

(c) Includes heart disease and strokes.

HOUSEHOLD USE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Computer access		1998	1999
Metropolitan Melbourne	%	49	53
Rest of Victoria	%	42	44
Internet access			
Metropolitan Melbourne	%	17	25
Rest of Victoria	%	10	16

LABOUR FORCE

		August 1999	August 2000
Employed persons			
Males	'000	1 225.7	1 265.9
Females	'000	953.3	1 001.3
Unemployed persons			
Males	'000	98.4	84.5
Females	'000	67.4	61.6
Unemployment rate			
Males	%	7.4	6.3
Females	%	6.6	5.8
Average weekly ordinary time earnings — trend		May 1999	May 2000
Full-time adult males	\$	775.30	799.30
Full-time adult females	\$	669.80	704.40
Full-time adult employees	\$	737.20	765.80

MANUFACTURING

		1997–98	1998–99
Operations — selected items			
Employment	'000	313.9	298.7
Exports	\$'000	9 426.8	8 451.9
Turnover(a)	\$m	69 516.7	71 983.9

(a) Value data are at current prices and therefore do not discount the impact of price changes.

MINERAL PRODUCTION — 1998–99

		Production	Value \$'000
Brown coal	kt	66 648	533 184
Gold	kg	4 948	72 436
Construction materials			
Gravel	kt	3 939	26 283
Sand for concrete	kt	4 368	30 998

OVERSEAS TRADE

Imports from		1998-99	1999-2000
USA	\$m	6 891	7 701
Japan	\$m	4 133	4 416
China	\$m	2 537	3 030
Germany	\$m	2 341	2 402
United Kingdom	\$m	1 839	1 793
Total imports	\$m	31 014	33 717
Exports to			
New Zealand	\$m	1 635	2 297
Japan	\$m	1 676	1 860
USA	\$m	1 469	1 630
Singapore	\$m	1 080	1 475
Republic of Korea	\$m	862	1 236
Total exports	\$m	16 484	19 033

PRISON POPULATION

		1998	1999
Sentenced			
Males	no.	2 303	2 362
Females	no.	119	144
Persons	no.	2 422	2 506
Unsentenced			
Males	no.	402	382
Females	no.	34	35
Persons	no.	436	417

PRIVATE FINANCE

Finance commitments		June 1999	June 2000
Housing finance	\$m	14 376.1	17 309.9
Personal finance	\$m	11 062.7	13 555.8
Commercial finance	\$m	44 628.0	41 281.0
Lease finance	\$m	2 127.0	1 879.0

RETAIL TURNOVER

		1998-99	1999-2000
Food retailing	\$m	13 932.6	14 648.8
Department stores	\$m	3 084.7	3 297.1
Clothing and soft goods retailing	\$m	2 399.3	2 841.4
Household goods retailing	\$m	4 012.1	4 394.3
Recreational goods retailing	\$m	1 831.3	1 717.3
Other retailing	\$m	3 568.2	3 803.8
Hospitality and service industries	\$m	4 346.1	5 169.6
Total	\$m	33 174.4	35 872.4

TOURISM

		1998-99	1999-2000
International visitors by country of residence(a)			
New Zealand	\$m	128 570	136 500
UK and Ireland	\$m	76 190	80 255
USA	\$m	65 010	77 320
Singapore	\$m	49 330	51 460
Japan	\$m	49 610	46 850
Malaysia	\$m	28 290	29 900
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$m</i>	651 940	685 950
(a) Victoria as main state of intended stay.			

TRANSPORT

Motor vehicles on register		31 Oct 1998	31 Oct 1999
Passenger vehicles	'000	2 574.6	2 645.0
Commercial vehicles	'000	520.4	533.6
<i>Total (excludes motor cycles)</i>	<i>'000</i>	<i>3 095.1</i>	<i>3 178.5</i>
Motor cycles	'000	82.3	88.0

VITAL STATISTICS

Births		1998	1999
Median age of mother	years	30.2	30.4
Nuptial births	no.	46 391	45 106
Ex-nuptial births	no.	14 101	13 769
<i>Total births</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>60 492</i>	<i>58 875</i>
Deaths			
Infant deaths	no.	283	328
<i>Total deaths</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>32 007</i>	<i>31 918</i>
Marriages	no.	26 372	27 252
Divorces	no.	12 307	12 742

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED

Annual periods shown as, for example, 1999 refer to the year ended 31 December 1999; those shown as, for example, 1998-99 refer to the year ended 30 June 1999. Values shown in Australian dollars (\$). Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between the sums of the component items and totals.

°C	— degrees Celsius	n.y.a.	— not yet available
GL	— gigalitres	no.	— number
ha	— hectare	kg	— kilogram
t	— tonne	ML	— megalitre
\$m	— million dollars	n.a.	— not available
'000	— thousands	kt	— kilotonne
p	— preliminary	—	— nil or rounded to zero

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